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In re Application of:
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**DIGITAL ANALOG RECORDING
USING NEAR FIELD OPTICAL
IMAGING**

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Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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